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C O N F I D E N T I A L NOUAKCHOTT 1426

CINCEUR FOR POLAD

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PINS, MOPS, MR, SS

SUBJECT: SAHARA WATCH: DEMONSTRATIONS GIRM QUICK RESPONSE CAPABILITY

1. MAURITANIAN MILITARY FORCES RESPONDED WITH IMPRESSIVE SPEED
AND STRENGTH JUNE 18 TO REPORTED SIGHCNG OF POLISARIO FORCE
IN CENTRAL MAURITANIA. ACCORDING TO LOCAL DIPLOMATIC SOURCE,
MAURITANIA TRUCK DRIVER REPORTED TO AUTHORITIES IN KIFFA
(16-37N11-24W) THAT HE HAD SIGHTED SUSPICIOUS VEHICLES IN
AREA NORTH OF CITY (PRESUMABLY ON KIFFA-TAMCHAKET SEGMENT OF
MAIN KAEDI-NE-MA TRACK). GIRM MILITARY QUICKLY DISPATCHED
SEVEN PLANELOADS OF MEN AND EQUIPMENT TO KIFFA. AMCIT
OBSERVERS AT NOUAKCHOT AIRPORT REPORTED FOUR DC-4 AND
THREE F-27 FLIGHTS BY AIR MAURITANIA PLANES DURING SIX HOUR
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PERIOD. UPON ARRIVAL, MEN AND EQUIPMENT WERE IMMEDIATELY
DISPATCHED NORTH BY TRUCKS. AERIAL SEARCH IN AREA OF REPORTED
SIGHTING REVEALED TIRE TRACKS, BUT GROUND FORCES LATER
ESTABLISHED TRACKS WERE NOT RPT NOT OF POLISARIO
VEHICLES.

2. COMMENT: GIRM RESPONSE INDICATES BOTH SERIOUSNESS MILITARY

ACCORDS A REPORTED POLISARIO SIGHTING AND RESPONSE CAPABILITY
OF GIRM MILITARY AND SECURITY FORCES.

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